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January 8, 2013

Establish Second Reward Offer in Fatal Fourth of July Murder of Unique Russell

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, in front of 1346 West 97th Street located in unincorporated West Athens, 14-year old Unique Russell, along with 12-year old Rekeil Reeves and 25-year old Freddy Pickett, were struck by gunfire as they watched fireworks. Witnesses observed two individuals fire several shots into a crowd that included Unique and her cousins. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recently arrested one of the suspects in the shooting which resulted in the death of Unique Russell. The second suspect remains at large. He is described as an African-American male, approximately 18 to 25 years of age.

On October 2, 2012, the Board of Supervisors reestablished a \$10,000 reward offer which led to the apprehension of one of the two suspects. According to Sheriff's Department homicide detectives, this reward was instrumental in obtaining information

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from the public. The detectives recommend that a second reward offer be established to aid in the ongoing investigation into this tragic murder and ultimately lead to the apprehension of the second suspect.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the second suspect responsible for the death of 14-year old Unique Russell and the injuries sustained by 12-year old Rekeil Reeves and 25-year old Freddy Pickett, who were struck by gunfire on July 4, 2012 in front of 1346 West 97th Street in unincorporated West Athens.

Contact: Sergeant K. Perry or Detective G. Sloan
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Homicide Bureau
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(800) 222-8477